

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?  
2 Delegate Churchill Murray.

3 DELEGATE C. MURRAY: Nothing that has come to  
4 our attention since the beginning of this Convention  
5 has concerned me more than the pain, the injury and often-  
6 times the injustice that has resulted from eminent domain.

7 In a country that is growing as ours is, and as  
8 ours will, it is inevitable; on the other hand, the harm  
9 from it is widespread. I had no idea until we had begun  
10 hearing witnesses on this subject, slum clearance in  
11 connection with roads in the cities, that many times the  
12 owners <sup>are</sup> living in houses that aren't worth much and that  
13 aren't worth enough for them to go out and replace them.

14 I have been in the state and all over the  
15 state and I feel very badly. I could weep were I an actor  
16 for the millions and millions and millions of dollars that  
17 the adoption of this would cost the state of Maryland,  
18 but I do believe that I can answer the question as to  
19 how much it would cost.

20 It would cost exactly the sum total of what  
21 these individual people are losing individually now